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GOD'S LOVE

THE
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If I Knew You

THE
TRUTH

If I knew you and you knew me,
How wondrously happy we could be;
If I saw your good and you saw mine,
We could love each other all the time.

But if I stand back and find fault with you,
And you see no good that I can do,
That pleases Satan through and through
And keeps all of us in a terrible stew.

I am not yet perfect and neither are you,
Though to have this our aim we are commanded to
do;

Each day grow in grace and in knowledge too,
And remember our brother does this to go through.

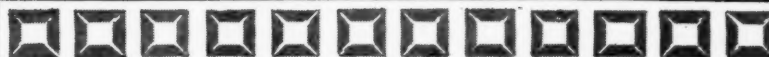
Let's try to find each other out,
Let's get acquainted—then we can shout,
Because you know me and I know you
And have found some good that each can do.

—Mrs. Perry Hagood, Dearing, Kans.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

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1 TIM. 3:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord
in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and be-
gan to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

April 18, 1936

Notices

The southeast Louisiana district convention convenes April 24-26 at Shepherds Fold. Every pastor is expected to bring his report. Pastors, let's report 100 per cent. Get your general indebtedness, missions, and ten cents for aged ministers without fail. Your standing depends on your faithfulness as pastor.

Let's make this the best convention we've ever had on this district. There are nine churches. We hope every church will be represented. We expect a good delegation from North Louisiana. Free entertainment for all. Services begin Friday night at 7:30. Our state overseer, Brother Blackwood, will be in charge.—J. B. Cole, district pastor.

I have had the blessing seven years and I am a member of the Church of God at Haynes, Ark. God has called me to preach the gospel to the lost. I have done very little work, only conducted two revivals and pastored one year. I am ready to prove myself. I feel my calling in evangelistic work and will gladly consider any work in Arkansas, to work or help. Any one needing my help, write me.—R. H. Nance, Box 220, Rt. 2, Marianna, Ark.

There will be all-day services and dinner at Friendship church, April 19. This is for all of Brother Bell's friends to come and be with them before they leave for California the first of May. Every one come and be with this old faithful brother, who has been our clerk for many years.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Hester Lee, Rt. 1, Charleston, Miss.

The Arkansas state convention will convene at Burdette, Ark., April 24-26, on highway 61, Frisco R. R., between Blytheville and Tuxora, Ark. J. A. McCullar, state overseer, in charge. J. H. Walker, General Overseer, to be present.

NOTICE OF CORRECTION

To the churches and friends in Mississippi: In a recent copy of the Evangel, the General Overseer gave the date for the Mississippi camp meeting in May. This was a mix-up in dates. Our camp meeting plans are not fully developed yet. We are doing our very best and will give notice of exact date and place at the earliest possible date. Please pray much for us now.—T. M. McClendon, overseer of Mississippi.

To the Church of God and those who desire revival services or a few days'

meeting: I am now in a position to do evangelistic work. If you are interested, write to me about it. I will try to be a blessing to your church and pastor.—Carl M. Padgett, 811 1-2 W. Jackson St., Orlando, Fla.

The Anniston district convention will convene at the Church of God at Anniston, Ala., April 25-26. The churches on this district are expected to be represented at this meeting and report for their church on missions, old ministers' fund, etc. Do your best to be 100 per cent on all these assessments. Brother G. C. Dunn, the state overseer, will be at this meeting. Other ministers of adjoining districts are invited.—J. A. Brown, district pastor, Edwardsville, Ala.



SPECIAL NOTICE

There have been more or less inquiries as to whether or not our people were forced to attend the United Mine Workers' local meetings. In a recent letter from the president of the United Mine Workers of America, John L. Lewis, he states the following:

"No law in our organization gives any local union the right to fine a member for not attending local union meetings. The question of attending meetings is one which each individual may decide for himself."

—General Overseer.



We wish to state that our former address which has been Box 528, Wilmington, N. C., is now changed and all calls, messages, and mail will now reach us at 308 North Ave., Sanford, N. C. — John L. Stephens.

Come! Come! Come! You are welcome. Where? To the 18th annual convention of the Church of God in the Bahamas, in the beautiful little city of Nassau, beginning May 5th and ending on 10th, D. V. We are expecting one of the greatest conventions that the Bahamas have ever known. Our friends throughout the United States and the isles of the seas are invited to come and help us enjoy this spiritual feast. We are expecting God our Father, our dear Lord Jesus Christ, and the blessed Holy Ghost to be our supreme guests and you cannot afford to miss it. We are expecting some of the best singing from native trained voices, the melody of which will long linger in our ears. You will also hear a demonstration of the full old-time gospel from Spirit-filled preachers.

There is a beautiful steamship service between Nassau and Miami at least twice

a week and also an airplane mail service. You can either come by boat or plane. Dear saints and friends, this might be the last annual convention before our good Lord comes, so come and let's enjoy it. We will be looking for you.—Brother William R. Franks, Overseer of Bahamas, Box 211, Nassau, Bah.

Listen in over KGGF, Coffeyville, Kansas, on the Children's Hour. Some of our Church of God youngsters, also members, sing. Saturday morning from 9:00 to 9:45 o'clock.—Mrs. Perry Haggood, Dearing, Kansas.

This is to notify prospective applicants for the ministry on the Wytheville district in Virginia, to be present at the district convention which will convene at Chilhowie, April 17-19, so you can receive the required examination.—Bun E. Hicks, district overseer, 360 Calhoun, Wytheville, Va.

The Rock Hill, S. C. district convention will convene in Rock Hill, S. C., May 1-3. We are expecting a great feast from the Lord. The Lord has been blessing the entire district with a harvest of souls and a goodly number being added to the church. We are expecting this to be the largest convention that the Rock Hill district has ever had and are expecting to have our state overseer, Brother R. P. Johnson, with us. We are also planning on having some good music and singing, some good preaching, and a real good time in the Lord. Everybody is invited to come and be with us for this great feast.—E. Linwood Jacobs, district overseer, Rock Hill, S. C.

The next home coming on the Raleigh district will be at Salem, N. C., the fifth Sunday in May. Everybody who can, come and be with us. We are expecting a good day for the Lord. Bring your musical instruments. Dinner will be on the grounds. Everybody pray for the Lord to give us an outpouring of His blessings.—Edward Salter, pastor, Box 333, Selma, N. C.

We praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing us since we have been here. The devil has afflicted lots of our people, but the Lord delivered them all. Our baby had pneumonia, but we trusted God and He healed him. We have finished paying for the piano which was nearly thirty dollars. We are going to have all-day services and dinner spread at the church, April 26. We are expecting Brother Taylor, our district overseer. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring a basket full of good eats. We are expecting great blessings from the Lord.—J. C. Harper, pastor, Route 2, Mayo, Fla.

A Model Prayer Or The Elements Of Right Praying

BY EVANGELIST SAM C. PERRY

"And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruits of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering. But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell," Gen. 4:3-5.

THERE are certain elements or principles that constitute true prayer or acceptable worship of God. The case of Abel's worship as here recorded, embodies all those elements.

1. Abel worshipped God according to a custom that God Himself had already established among men. The salvation of the Lord in its every aspect is a revelation from heaven and man has never worshipped God acceptably in any other than God's prescribed way. Man in his natural state is so far fallen away from God, and in such spiritual darkness, that if left to himself he would have no hope, world without end. But God communicated with Adam, as also with Abraham, Moses and others, revealing a way whereby men might worship Him acceptably. And later He sent His Son and the Holy Ghost in His fullness, revealing more fully the way to God and perfect worship. Abel came to God in that way which was divinely appointed for fallen, sinful man, as all true worshippers in all time have come and continue to come, and the Lord accepted him.

2. It was to the Lord Himself that Abel came. True prayer and worship deal with God and are therefore a sacred and holy performance. How much heart-searching, confession, humility of spirit and sincere reverence are necessary in order to properly approach the almighty God, the great Creator and Preserver of the universe. Abel comprehended this fully and his worship was of that high order that God could accept. To approach God in prayerful worship is still as sacred and holy a matter as it has ever been.

3. In bringing a lamb to God, Abel confesses his sinfulness and acknowledges his need of a mediator in approaching God. That lamb represented the only acceptable and perfect propitiation for sin. Jesus is called "the lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Abel's lamb was a type of Jesus, through whom he obtained deliverance from sin and acceptance with God. Jesus is said to be "the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world." So "there is no other

name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. By the sacrifice of Himself on the cross, Jesus became "the way" to God, and paved the way for access to God in prayer for all men.

4. Abel came in faith. It was the faith connected with his sacrifice that counted. It was the proper sacrifice and the proper order in which that sacrifice was brought that made a foundation or basis for the operation of his faith. Faith means the acceptance of God's Word as true, acting upon it, and obeying it as such. This Abel did and was accepted. Prayer avails in seeking what God has promised, but only as the requirements or condition of those promises are met. Cain had no just claims to God's blessings and was rejected, because he did not bring the required offering, did not come according to God's requirements, therefore, did not come "in faith." "Without faith it is impossible to please God" or to receive His righteousness. A rejection of God's Word destroys the ground or foundation of faith, for on nothing else can faith stand. God's Word is "the Word of faith," and putting it aside or refusing to practice it is fatal to faith.

5. With Abel prayer and the worship of God was a personal matter, a dealing between God and himself. He came to God of his own choice. And so with all men, no matter what teaching, warning, or persuasion one may have, it is for him to pray and deal with God for himself alone, in repenting, being saved and living a life of devotion to God. It is true that parents, loved ones, friends, and Christian workers may pray, entreat, and persuade, but the best they can do is to prevail upon the lost one that he may make for himself the choice, and yield his heart to the Lord and call upon God in the necessary order of his acceptance with his God. God deals with men in an individual way. He says, "Choose ye whom ye will serve," and so, too, the full development of the Christian's character and life in Christ, is not by accident, but is gained by a specially chosen, personal touch with the Lord, which comes in the spirit and exercises of prayer, with faith and obedience to His blessed Word.

6. Abel's prayer indicates his desire for the will of God to be done in his life. Recognizing the fact that the will of the all-wise Creator is supreme in all things, Abel desired above every plan of his own, that God's will should be performed in his life. Submission to the divine will is always uppermost in the true worship of Jehovah. Any other spirit would be con-

trary to the nature and purpose of prayer and would thwart its main object. The great need of the redemption of sinners lies in the fact that they are far away from God and out of harmony with His will, and can only find their true happiness by getting back to Him and in possession of the life which is according to His divine purpose. God wills that all may come unto Him and have life, that life which is in His Son. Prayer in harmony with the will and purpose of God is always proper, and is in line to receive an answer from Him who is "the giver of every good and perfect gift."

My Sunrise Petition

Early this morning when the sun arose,
Away in the eastern sky,
I talked to my Savior in a silent prayer
And asked Him to stay close by.
Please help me today, dear Savior, I pray,
To be a blessing to some passer-by,
Let me help bear his load as he travels
life's road

And point him to heaven on high.

Dear Jesus, I know that the days are not
long,

The moments so swiftly go by;
The sun will soon sink, far over the hills
And will some one be left to sigh,
Because I have failed their burden to
bear,

Or close in your love to abide?
Oh, whatever the task, I only ask
That you always stay close by my
side.

I'll promise, dear Jesus, to do all I can
To help some one that's far from the
fold,

Out on the mountains of sin's dark night
Suffering from hunger and cold.
I'll tell them of how you came seeking
the lost

And suffered to save their poor soul;
Just help me, I pray, to help some one
today

And point them to heaven's bright
goal.

When the sun paints its picture in the
western sky

And the toil of the day is done,
Oh, how sweet to say, with assurance
most sweet,

Today's battles I've fought and won.
Joy and gladness today have been mine,
All mingled with toil and care,
But all through the day, I'm glad I can
say,

I've had Jesus my Savior near.

—By Mrs. C. H. Shaw, Biltmore, N. C.
Dedicated to Rev. J. W. Shaw, Sarasota,
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This paper reserves the right to condense reports, testimonies, etc., to a conformity of a proper allowance of space.

on the other hand, there are millions who are saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. The majority of these referred to are being led and taught by men who fight the wonderful experience of sanctification and are failing to lead their people into the deeper truth that means so much to Christian professors, while there are millions of people who accept the gospel of sanctification and reject the indwelling Spirit as the apostles received on the day of Pentecost, and this brings a breach in Christian unity, which ought not to be. Those who are filled with the Holy Ghost know the experience is so real that they are filled with astonishment to think that Christian professors will not accept this wonderful blessing and receive that that would guide them into all truth. These divisions and differences of opinion and doctrine are helping to feed and promote the spirit of communism.

✻ Editorials ✻

We wish to express our appreciation to the people on the field for their loyal support. We are receiving quite a few subscriptions to the Evangel, for which we praise the Lord. We can hear the hum of the machinery in the pressroom telling us of the busy crew of printers. The loyal support of the people on the field and the interest taken by those in charge of the pressroom, we feel, is making a great success this year, and if nothing happens more than we know, the Publishing House will have a glowing report for the Assembly.

GOOD LITERATURE

We have a nice stock of good books, in fact, most anything that a real Christian would want to read. Our Bibles are priced from 25c to \$15.00. We can furnish most any kind of Bible you want. We have the New Analytical Bible that should be in the hands of every minister. We also have several copies of the "Red Network" and this ought to be in the hands of every Christian in America. It seems that Christianity is dozing while the enemies of all righteousness are putting forth every effort to demoralize, deceive, and to turn from the paths of righteousness those who are serving God.

THE ANTICHRIST SPIRIT

Never in all the history of the world have we had so much unbelief and evil work. There are more communists in America, by several thousand, today than there were in Russia when they overthrew the government, killed the crown head, and took charge of affairs. Their plan and program has proved that they were not after the best interest of those who were poverty-stricken and suffering, in fact, it is said by good authority that they have from time to time put to death the feeble, crippled, and those who were of no physical benefit to their govern-

ment. In place of putting on a program of helpfulness, feeding the poor, and giving equal distribution of property and privileges, they have narrowed their administration to a few hard-hearted leaders who have oppressed, persecuted, and martyred those who want to do right.

FALSE RELIGIONS

When we think of the hold that Catholicism has had in Russia, Spain, and Mexico, we can hardly wonder at the spirit of uprising. The Catholics hoarded together their wealth in the name of the church, and the laws of exemption from taxes protected them, as the churches and their property were nontaxable. Especially in Russia and Mexico, the Pope and his corps of priests and well-organized congregations, put their property in the hands of the church and the remaining Protestants, who were few in these governments, and those who did not profess any religion, were taxed to pay the government. This is one of the things that caused the uprising of the communistic forces. In fact, this bred infidelity and caused the masses to be disgusted with what they call religion.

It is a fact that in all this communistic uprising in these governments, the Catholics were martyred and they have suffered the brunt of the persecution. Of course, the small number of Protestant movements finally received the blow and were stopped from public worship. What a pity that those who believe in the real power and love of God have to suffer on account of hypocrisy and false professions. But in spite of all our protest this is the case, and we see brewing in our own fair land the final blow at religion. If ever there was a time when the lovers of truth and right should combine their forces and, with prayer and supplications to God, make known their request, it is to-day.

There are many lovers of religion who belong to the different churches without any change of heart. This is sad. While

THE CONDITION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD

As we survey the conditions it brings us to Dan. 5, the feast of Belshazzar. This king with his hypocrisy and intemperance had become so self-confident that he had given a feast to the thousands of his lords. He was so vain and sinful that the dance was a disgraceful, immoral, unholy affair. He was not satisfied with his intemperance and the partaking of the intoxicating wines, and he happened to think of the golden vessels of the temple that his father had brought into Babylon and he sent and got them and went into transgression wholesale. Suddenly a hush came upon the feast and a mysterious hand began writing. None of the vulgar crowd could read the writing on the wall. He was finally advised, in his excitement, to send for an old prophet whom God had honored in the days of his father, and this prophet was Daniel, and Daniel interpreted the handwriting, "God has numbered thy kingdom and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." The words were hardly out of the prophet's mouth when the tramp of soldiers' feet were heard. The slaughter began. The Medes and Persians had been making excavation outside the city for weeks and at the midnight hour they turned the waters of the river into the new channels and filled a large valley with water. Draining the river bed, they marched under the water gate and captured the city. This was an end of a disobedient king, led by the spirit of the devil.

THE RHINELAND

With this prophetic background con-
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WHY STAND YE GAZING?

BY HOMER C. SMITH

"But whoso looketh into the 'perfect law of liberty', and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful bearer, but a doer of the WORK, this man shall be blessed in his deed," James 1:25.

MATTHEW tells us that "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light." "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves (your own sight). For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself" (he beheld, he saw, he sees something).

What does this man see? He sees a man. What man? His own image. In what capacity does he see himself? Is it an indolent, shiftless, nonchalance fellow who does not care? Is it a worthless, careless, indifferent person whose negligence of his deity toward God has brought him to the end of the way with an empty soul void of inspiration? Is it a bent, broken and crooked failure of despair, a nondescript, a human wreck that he looks upon and sees in the glass? You likely will say yes, but I say NO. I want to say he saw a man doing the works of Jesus. He saw himself transformed from the conformation of this world, moulded into the near likeness of the Son of God, doing the works that were commanded for him to do. His soul was lifted up with a desire, possibly a vow, to accomplish the scene

of events into reality—then, alas, faith fell, doubt rushed in, and straightway he forgot the manner of man he was—he saw.

"But, whoso looketh into the (glass) perfect law of liberty," and attains the accomplishments of perfection by continuing therein by the way of a word-doer, thereby bringing works—works of a perfect order, "this man shall be blessed in his deed" (work).

Revelation 2:26 says, "And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, (the end of what, the end of the individual's life? No, the end of this age, or the age until Jesus returns), to him will I give power over the nations."

Say, brother, has God led you into this room of mirrors where on every turn you behold yourself a perfect man, doing the works of Christ, doing the very things in which your soul delighteth? If so, you are in the room now. Do not leave out, brother, please don't go. Jesus needs you. He must have you. He will transform you into the perfect man you see. Will you let Him have His way with you till He has accomplished therein the very desire of your soul? "To him that overcometh." This whole thing is only a collection of words, a plan of the Lord's to receive you a perfect overcomer. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philipians 2:13. Let God have His way. Enter now and continue therein.

On the Sunny Side

RUSSELL SPRINGS, Ky.—I feel good in my soul now for I am still on the sunny side of life, that is where Jesus blesses His people.

Last Sunday we had service at the Church of God at Sunshine near Eli, Ky. The power of God was in our midst. As far as I know, we have just two churches in Russell county but the saints have the victory here at Sunshine and at Bernards. We surely do love Brother L. L. Hughes, our overseer of the Somerset district. Brother Hughes told us the district convention would be here in Russell county April 17-19. It made our hearts glad.

We are just a few in number who stand for The Church of God here but we mean to tell the story of Jesus, that the Lord can save, sanctify, and fill with the Holy Ghost. My determination is to press on and see what's inside the pearly gates. Dear saints, let's let our light shine in these evil days.—Your brother in Christ, Evangelist Geo. Lee Cravens.

Another New Church For Louisiana

A Church of God was set in order in Covington, La., March 29, with eight members, and on Tuesday night, March 31st, one came in by transfer. There are three others to come in by transfer who were not there Tuesday night.

We have started funds to buy and build a church building. Covington is a hard place but God is saving people just the same.

This is the second church set in order in Southeast Louisiana district since the Assembly, for which we thank the Lord; and we're going after another. Please pray for us in Louisiana.—J. B. Cole, district pastor.

Evangel Brings Joy

PIONEER, La.—I praise the dear Lord for the dear old Evangel and its many writers. It always fills my heart and soul with joy to read the good testimonies and encouraging letters from over

the country. It seems my greatest disappointment is when I fail to get my paper on Saturday, as it gives me good reading on Sunday.

It seems that our church is at a low ebb as we have not been able to get a pastor this year, so our paper, Y. P. E., and Sunday School is all our encouragement. Every one pray for us at Epps.—Yours for success, H. P. Harper.

Two New Churches in Iowa

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa.—We are having some good meetings in Iowa. We have two churches and expect more in the near future. We have Brother James Marlin with us now. He is a good preacher. Our beloved state overseer, Brother James M. Snyder, was with us Sunday, April 5th. We are expecting a good church here in Council Bluffs. Join us in prayer.—Your brother, R. Nicely, General Delivery.

Wonderful Revival at Greeneville, Tenn.

We truly praise God for the wonderful revival that's just come to a close at the Church of God in Greeneville, Tenn. Brother Albert Teaster of Hendersonville, N. C., did the preaching, assisted by Brother Jones, our pastor. We truly praise God for Brother Teaster for he stands foursquare for the Church of God and all its teachings. The Lord blessed in a great way throughout the revival. Sixteen were saved, eight sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Our church was set in order March 1st with fourteen members. Saturday night two more were added, bringing our little band to sixteen members. Oh, what a wonderful work we can do for the Lord if we'll just hold on to God and be found ever ready to do His precious will. The devil tries to discourage us but I thank God this morning that I can say, Get behind me Satan, and he goes.

March 28th we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord surely did bless in this service. Some shouted, some cried, some spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Oh, how we praise God for the Bible evidence.

Any one who would like to get in touch with Brother Teaster can do so by writing him at Hendersonville, N. C. He is a wonderful man of God. We are so glad to have had him with us here in our revival. His teachings are so plain that children can understand the precious Word of God. Pray for me that I'll just do what the Lord would have me do, and pray for my husband who is in sin.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Alice Cravens, clerk, 303 N. Irish St.

Prophecy, Tongues, and Knowledge, Appointed For The Good of the Church

ROY E. BLACKWOOD

(Continued)

TONGUES SHALL CEASE

THE word 'cease' that appears in the third clause of the text comes from the Greek word 'pau-o, pow-o', a prim. verb, No. 3973 in the Greek Dictionary, which means as it is defined, 'pause', to stop (trans. or intrans.), restrain, quit, desist, come to an end, cease, refrain.

Clarke's comments relative to the above clause: "The miraculous gift of different languages, that also shall cease as being unnecessary." We quote further from Clarke concerning the three outstanding points of the subject being considered: "Prophecy, tongues, and knowledge, are ALL appointed for the good of the church for the time; afterward these temporary phenomena shall fall away, even the Christian learning shall do so, for then comes in the perfect knowledge (verse 12), and that as the common heritage of all, whereby the deep knowledge of gifts individuals, which is still but imperfect, will necessarily cease to exist.—Meyer."

Those who hold the idea that tongues have ceased, seem to overlook that prophecy and knowledge are to cease as well. And from a scriptural standpoint, those who hold this idea, before they can establish their theory, will first have to prove that prophecy and knowledge have ceased, which I am afraid they can not do at this time, because they know we have outstanding evidence of present-day prophecy and knowledge. And just as these two are evident, just as much so do we contend that tongues are in vogue, or fashion.

Those who contend that the gifts were only for the church when they had the unspoken word, and that when the world received what they call the perfect law of liberty these gifts were done away, are misapplying scripture.

When Paul said, "When that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away," he had reference to the time when we shall reach the state of eternal blessedness. The appearance of the perfected conditions of things necessarily brings with it the abolition of what is only partial.

With the advent of the absolute, the imperfect finite ceases to exist, as the dawn ceases at the rising of the sun.

The New Testament does not contain all that even Jesus did, because we find that John said in St. John 21:25, "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be

written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."

Also we have problems to confront us today that the New Testament does not give specific instruction as to the proper procedure with. Therefore, we need divine guidance, we must have knowledge, God has provided prophets, and also tongues, for this age (the church age). There is not one verse of scripture that will prove that Paul had reference to the written New Testament when he said, "When that which is perfect is come." This argument is based upon nothing but the vain imagination of some holiness fighter, some one trying to dodge the issue, trying to justify themselves for not having the experience which God has provided for the church, and even more, has set in the church. 1 Cor. 12:28. And nowhere in the Bible can any one prove that he has even taken it from the church. We are in our infant state now, we are children, and we think as a child, we understand as a child. John said in his epistle, "Little children these things I write unto you," also, "My children walk in truth," etc. The church is undergoing the period of growth now, that we might reach manhood and womanhood and come to the fullness of the stature of Jesus Christ.

We want to make the proper application of all scripture. Never should we dig the Word of God out of its original setting, and try to make it mean something that it does not mean.

While we are waiting for the perfect conditions to arrive, we see through a glass darkly, but then (when the perfect arrives) face to face. The glass referred to by Paul in this letter was what literally signifies a mirror, or reflector, and among the ancients mirrors were certainly made of fine polished metal. The word here may signify anything by which the image of a person is reflected, as in our looking glasses. The word is not used for a glass to look through; nor would such an image have suited the apostle's design. Our knowledge of divine things is, in our present condition, no immediate knowledge, but one coming through an imperfect medium.

Do not think of our present condition as one looking in one of our mirrors of this twentieth century, but think of the imperfect reflecting, metal mirrors of the ancients, which we render "darkly." "But then face to face." We know in part; but then shall we know even as also we are known.

WHY SPEAK WITH TONGUES?

It does not matter what any one may think about this subject, it does not matter even if the reader has a dislike for speaking in tongues. It is a matter as to what God has to say on the subject, and as to what is taught in the Bible. The Word of God is the standard by which every experience and doctrine is tested. God's Word is the traveler's map, the sailor's compass, and the waybill from earth to glory, and the Word of God is the source of all authority concerning divine things. Therefore, what God says is the end of all argument.

First, God set tongues in the Church (and not man). 1 Cor. 12:28.

Second, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." 1 Cor. 14:2.

Could anyone object to a person talking to God in the Spirit? That is one method God has selected for an individual to commune with his Creator.

Third, tongues edify the speaker. 1 Cor. 14:4. Could you not take on a little edification, my friend?

Fourth, it is a sign to the unbeliever. 1 Cor. 14:22; Mark 16:17.

Fifth, Jesus said, "When He (the Comforter) is come He (the Comforter) will testify of me, and ye also shall bear witness," St. John 15:26.

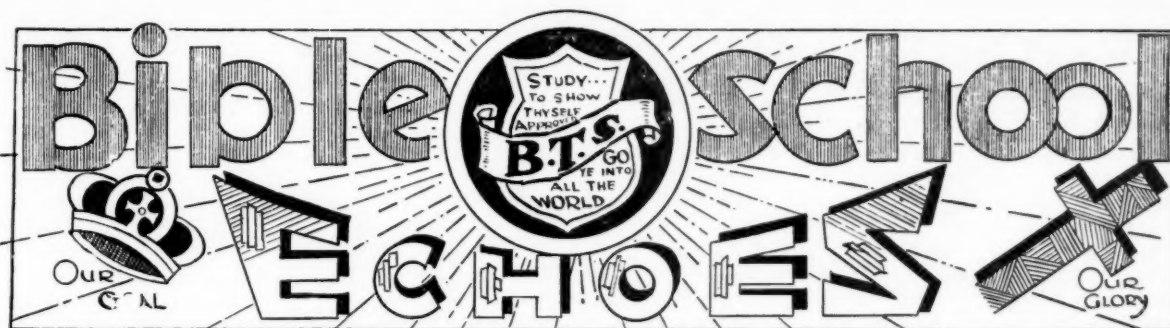
Sixth, Paul, under inspiration, gave instruction to not forbid speaking with tongues. 1 Cor. 14:39.

I have not met a preacher but what would very readily accept Matt. 19: 14, where Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them NOT, to come unto me." YES, FORBID THEM NOT. Now let us quote again 1 Cor. 14:29. After Paul had undertaken to properly regulate conditions at Corinth, with reference to having charity to accompany their gifts, and to have enough prophets to edify the outsider, also the Church, he says, "Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid NOT to speak with tongues."

Seventh, Paul gave thanks to God because he spake with tongues more than all of them together.

I hear some one say, "Well, he was educated to speak different languages." Let me reason with you a bit. I admit he was educated very highly, but he had no reference to his education when he made this expression, because he said, "When I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit

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God's Nature To Give

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. 2 Cor. 9:15. It's God's nature to give. Of course His greatest gift was His Son. It's pleasing to God for us to give thanks to Him for His gifts.

There is within my soul at this time a thanksgiving to God for the privilege He gave me to attend Bible School last term. It has been a blessing to me in many ways. I feel that I'll be able to serve Him more efficiently in the future.

Also, there is a thanks coming from within me to those who have made it possible for me to attend, and have helped me on with words of encouragement, prayer, finance, and otherwise. Last, but not necessarily least, is my thanks to the faculty and student body for what they have done to make this term of school a success and a blessing to me. Many things could be said concerning their kindness, generosity, sympathy, and many other things that space will not permit.

As I think of all this a holy solemnity floods my soul, and a praise to God for His goodness. May He bless you all. Pray that I'll be a blessing to some one this summer, and if it's God's will that I'll be able to return next fall.—A B. T. S. student, Frances L. Dekle, Macclenny, Fla.

Below we give a few of the many testimonies which we receive from our Bible Correspondence students:

Pleased With First Lesson

Dear Bible Training School: Enclosed is my first lesson work for examination. I certainly do like the Course of Study—even the first lesson has been interesting and helpful to me, as it has refreshed my mind on Bible thoughts, and, as I can see, sets out a systematic form of Bible Study.—Harmon H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va.

Receives Diploma

I am truly thankful for the opportunity I had to study the Word of God as a student of the Church of God Bible Training School. I thank all of my teachers for the splendid interest they

have shown toward me. I have been greatly helped and blessed in these studies, and my aim is to work harder, pray more, and forever live in the center of God's will. I covet the prayers of all God's children.—Merle H. Green, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Blessed By First Lesson

Dear Bible Training School: I am sending answers to the questions of my first lesson for grading. I would like to say I have enjoyed my first lesson fine and it has already been a blessing to me in many ways. May the good Lord's blessings rest upon the school.—Your brother in Christ, C. P. Galloway, Shooting Creek, N. C.

"THE BOOK"

There is a Book I love so well
To read and talk about;
It gives me comfort, peace of mind,
And cheers my burdened heart—
The Bible.

This book is not as other books,
You will notice by the reading.
For it is the very voice of Him
Whose throne is up in heaven—
The Bible.

If all the world would use this Book
To govern all life's questions.
This world would be one glorious place,
If this Book proved all suggestions—
The Bible.

All nations would have peace,
At home and abroad—
If those who have authority.
Would love and obey God's Word—
The Bible.

This Book instructs the laboring man
How he should treat his employer,
And also tells the rich man
Not to keep back the hire of the laborer—
The Bible.

There would be no need for divorce courts,
Where the bridegroom and bride so fair,
Go to end their domestic differences,
If this Book had preeminence there—
The Bible.

And last but not least as we speak of
this Book,
It shows us the way which many took

Which leads us into those mansions so fair,
The greatness of this Book is beyond compare—

The Bible.

—By Harmon H. Tygart.

Receiving An Abundant Rain

We are thanking the Lord for victory over sin and the devil and feel like traveling on. I have a new inspiration and zeal to press on in the battle against sin and believe the victory is ours in Monclo. We want to begin a revival here soon and are expecting showers of blessings because we find in Deut. 11:14 "That I will give you the rain of your land"*** the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil."

We are already receiving an abundance of rain in Blair, W. Va. The revival has been in progress one week and thirteen have been saved. The big Missionary Baptist church is packed to the utmost every night in all kinds of weather and men and women who have been professors for many years have received a glad new touch of fire. Praise His dear name forever! Many new friends have been won for the Church of God. Pray for us that God will continue to bless us in His great work.—Harry E. Sells and wife, Monclo, W. Va.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our supply of "Heartbeats of Heaven" is exhausted and due to the fact that "Home-land Harmony" will be ready in the near future, there will be no reprint. Watch the Evangel for announcements. However, you may advance your orders on this book and the first in will be first filled. Sample copy 25c; \$2.75 per dozen; \$8.50 per fifty; \$16.00 per hundred, postpaid.

REPORTS

Spiritual Tide is Rising in Hudson, Fla., Church

At this report we are glad to say that we have victory in the name of the Lord. We have been working some in Georgia since the Assembly and are now in Florida. To say that the Lord has been with us in many ways would be putting it mild.

I went to Alma, Ga., and was with Brother Sorrow a few days. We surely enjoyed our visit with him. We will never forget how nice the saints were to us there. I was privileged to be in the ministers' meeting at Macon and from there we went to New Lacy where dear Brother Johnson is pastor. He couldn't be with us much because he lived in Waycross but he made us welcome. He is a very precious brother. The bad, cold weather hindered the meeting some. We stayed with one of the deacons, Brother W. R. Rozier, and he and his wife treated us nicely in their home. We were sick a while but were soon on the go, by the help of the Lord.

Next we went to Waycross to run a meeting for dear Brother J. S. Roberts. We stayed in his home while there and how I was treated there I shall not try to explain in full. He is a dear brother and a fine man. He often said, "Brother Cox, preach your convictions as the Lord leads, I'll be with you," and we got along so good together. The saints were nice to me and I hope to be privileged to see them again.

We went to Zellwood, Fla., where my precious Brother J. C. Thomas is pastor. There we found some of the best people we have found in all of our travels. I surely enjoyed staying in the home of Brother Harris and I'll never forget them. Brother Thomas is one of the best men I have ever had the privilege to work with. We all worked together there for the revival. If I thought it good to fast and pray they were with me. Some of them worked hard and fasted right on and God gave the victory. If I remember correctly, fourteen were saved, several sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We give God all the praise for what was done. I also enjoyed the different kinds of nice fruit I had there, and to cap it all, Brother Miller, president of the local Y. P. E., got around among those precious saints and pretty soon handed me over the money and said, "Brother Cox, we want you to have a nice suit of clothes." That was the last week of the meeting there and that was the week of the district meeting of the Orlando district which convened at Zellwood, and you can imagine how I took

that meeting in stepping around in a new suit. The convention was wonderful. Something over \$30.00 was raised for missions, the most that had been raised in any of the conventions up to that time.

Brother E. W. Williams, state overseer, asked me to go to Hudson as the saints were alone there, the pastor, Brother T. P. Douglas, feeling impressed to leave under present conditions. The enemy was working hard but the spiritual tide is rising now. We have been here ten nights (at this writing) and are having an altar service every night. The saints are being built up. Last night, after about a half-hour tarrying meeting the power fell and those who were still there had a nice refreshing shower from the throne. We are made to rejoice and are expecting a wonderful out-pouring of the Spirit here yet though it has been given up by different preachers as a very hard place. The Lord is able to give the victory so we ask the saints everywhere to pray for this meeting. There are many backsliders here who once had wonderful experiences with God. We are working for the Sunday School banner this month.—J. C. Cox, Hudson, Fla.

God is Leading Us On

I praise God this evening for health and the many other things He has done for me. He has done for me already more than I can ever do for Him. I praise Him for the dear saints of the Church of God in New Albany, Miss., being willing to be led and by so doing we are marching triumphantly on with a shout of victory in our souls. Thank God!

We were blessed on the fourth Sunday in March to have Elder N. B. Daniel of Eupora, Miss., with us. He is a man we believe to be standing foursquare for the Church of God. The Lord's Supper and feet washing were administered Sunday night and the Lord wonderfully blessed. I thank God that I have the privilege of being His son because Rom. 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." I solicit the prayers of every Evangel reader that Jesus will ever lead me on.—Yours for Christ and His cause, L. R. Collins, (colored), New Albany, Miss.

Good Revival at Wytheville, Va.

We are praising the Lord for the wonderful revival which was conducted here at Wytheville in January by Sister S. E. Barr of Pine Grove. The Lord wonderfully blessed inasmuch that the church was strengthened and edified, and several were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. The saints here certainly thank the Lord for Sister Barr because we believe she is a real child of God. She spends much time in secret prayer for the

salvation of the lost, and we believe this is the secret of her splendid success in evangelistic work.

I also praise the Lord for our pastor, Brother Bun E. Hicks, because he is a real shepherd to the flock. We request the saints everywhere to pray for the general success of the church here in Wytheville, Va.—J. A. Flanagan, Rural Retreat, Va.

Revival Spirit Since Xmas

BRUNSWICK, Ga.—We are glad to report that the Lord is blessing at Brunswick since the Assembly. We have really enjoyed the blessings of the Lord, praise His sweet name. There has been a revival spirit here since Christmas. Many times on Sunday night the Holy Ghost takes charge and our pastor doesn't get to preach. He lets the Holy Ghost have His way. Messages are given out and interpreted and people press their way to the altar and pray through. Praise His sweet name! Twenty-seven have been saved, twenty-four sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost and fifteen added to the church. Thank God for it all. We have Sunday School and have organized a Y. P. E. We have a mission circle which Brother J. P. Hughes, our state overseer, recommended. We also bought a church building and if the Lord is willing, we will soon have it paid for. Our pastor, Brother G. B. Langford, asked us to pray for the Lord to send the one He wanted to give us a revival. Please pray that the Lord will have His way in every service.—J. P. Carey, clerk.

Wonderful S. S. Convention

The Sunday School convention for the Dora, Ala. district convened March 27-29. There was a large attendance and plenty of interest shown. Brother Ledbetter, who has been pastor at Dora for several years, and his dear wife were splendid in the role of host and hostess, making every one feel just as welcome as they could. Brother Padgett of Brookside preached Friday night and with the good music and above all the presence of the Lord, the convention started off well.

Saturday morning there was a testimony service and the sermon was preached by Brother Simpson. His was a very unusual subject, being "Serve God with What You Have." I don't think I ever heard him preach better. The convention was presided over by our beloved overseer, Brother G. C. Dunn, and his talks all along inspired us to better lives and greater things. Pratt City was well represented and our pastor, Brother Harwood, on Saturday evening, delivered one of his greatest sermons, I really believe, his subject being "Balanced." Oh, how he drove his theme straight home as he

is so able to do. Saturday night Brother Dunn preached straight to the hearts of men and women and the dear Lord was with him and the Holy Ghost was on the scene. An altar call was then given. Oh, how the spirit of love melted our hearts during all of the services that we attended.

Sunday morning there was a number of short talks dealing mostly with Sunday School and divine healing. Brother Padgett was surely at his best in his discourse on "Finance." His people at Brookside won the Sunday School banner last quarter. We gave them a "big hand." Sunday night the house was packed to overflowing. Sister Altha McClain had worked hard and prepared a lovely play, and those who took part in it won very honorable mention. This was about Lazarus and the rich man. The funeral of the rich man on the platform was very realistic. The convention closed with love and unity prevailing in the hearts of the children of God.—Lottie Baird, 2511 20th Place, Ensley, Ala.

Convention A Big Success

We are very glad to report that the Rocky Mt. and Washington, N. C. districts convention which convened at Rocky Mount, N. C., March 20-22 was a wonderful success, and was well attended at every service. Of course, we expected good services but they greatly surpassed our highest expectations. We truly praise the Lord for the wonderful services which He gave us during this convention.

Many inspiring and interesting sermons were delivered by different ministers. Our highly esteemed state overseer, Brother John L. Stephens, who was with us during the entire convention, delivered several interesting sermons. There were also thirteen of our ministers and ordained deacons present.

On Saturday when the churches reported, every church on the two districts was represented except one. All of the churches seemed to have great expectations for the remainder of this Assembly year. Brother Stephens said that this was one of the best district conventions he had ever attended. He especially praised our pastor, Brother J. C. Houck, on the splendid arrangement of the program.

Good music and singing was rendered by duets and quartets representing different churches on the districts. The convention ended on Sunday afternoon with dinner on the grounds.

On Sunday night after the convention closed our revival started. Brother J. R. Sanders, our able evangelist, has been delivering some wonderful messages. On the night the convention closed five were added to the great Church of God.

Praise the Lord! We are always glad to welcome good saints into our band to help us fight the devil. Pray for us that we might have a great and glorious revival here at Rocky Mount, N. C.—A sister in Christ, Miss Elizabeth Sykes, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Wilmington, N. C. District Convention

Our district meeting convened at the Wilmington, N. C., church with Brother G. C. Hamby, district pastor in charge. We had ministers' meeting on Saturday afternoon at which Brother John L. Stephens was present. Saturday night the Lord surely blessed in the singing and string music. We had shouting and the sweet Holy Ghost took charge of the vocal organs and delivered several messages, and a large number of saints testified for God. Brother E. D. Jones brought a message on "Right Employment of the Tongues." God truly blessed in this message.

Sunday morning we gathered in, called the Sunday School to order and placed the different classes, Brother Hamby going from class to class, asking just a few questions. We got our reports and offerings, then we had several talks on Sunday School. Brother E. L. Gregory brought a good message on "The Benefit of Sunday School." We had real Spirit-filled singing mixed all along with these talks. Brother John L. Stephens gave instructions to the teachers—"How We Should Teach and How to Select Teachers." Brother Farmer brought a message on "The Church Member's Duty Toward Sunday School." We think all Church of God members should stand by the Sunday School in every way. Brother J. L. Smith brought a good message on "Church Government." Brother Bridger delivered a rich message on "Why I Love Jesus," which brought a shout in the camp and the sweet Holy Ghost took charge. At this time we adjourned to prepare a table said to be one hundred eight feet long, and oh, the good things on that table that the good people had prepared for the body while God fed our hungry souls.

At one o'clock we gathered at the front of the church and had group pictures made after which we gathered in service with a portion of the Broad Creek choir singing with Brother Lewis at the piano, and did the power fall! At this time we had prayer then an offering was taken. Brother Farmer talked on "The Duty of a Loyal Church Member" also Brother R. C. Pierce, church clerk, spoke on the Y. P. E. Brother J. L. Stephens spoke on the Evangel and about the soap coupons, also advised us on the purchase of a district tent after which we adjourned.

At four-thirty a goodly number gathered with Brother Hamby at the broad-

casting station for our regular broadcast which lasted a half an hour. Brother J. L. Stephens spoke on "The Need of God's Children Being Prepared for His Service." Sunday night closed out a big day in the Lord's services, with Brother Stephens bringing a message on "God's Ability To Save." May God bless everyone.—A sister in Christ, A. F. Wilson, Wilmington, N. C.

Thankful For What the Lord Has Done

MARION, N. C.—I thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing at Pepper Creek. We have just closed a revival in which one was saved, six sanctified, one filled with the Baptism, and one added to the church. Brother Davis was in charge. The church was blessed in a wonderful way and the devil was mad. We certainly appreciate Brother Davis. He is a real child of God and preaches uncompromisingly under the power of the Holy Ghost. I recommend him very highly as a man of God.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed this place with a new church in spite of the way the devil has been working. Brother White is doing a wonderful work here at this place. He is a real child of God. We are coming to the front it seems.—Mrs. Sumner, clerk.

Good Meeting Closed

The writer closed a good meeting near Tamassee, S. C. a week ago and the Lord blessed in many different ways. Saints were revived, God blessed the saints and sinners and their good pastor. Two were saved, two sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. This meeting was held at the Church of God at Salem, S. C.

I am in a meeting at Cherry Hill. Pray that we will have a successful revival and God will give us many souls.—Your brother, Evangelist J. C. Pruitt, Tamassee, S. C., Route 1, c/o J. O. Janey.

NOTICES

God is blessing in our revival at Smithfield, N. C. God will bless us in our revivals if we will fast and pray. Five have been saved, two sanctified, and two received the Holy Ghost. The revival will continue through this week. Pray for us.—Edward Salter, pastor, Selma, N. C.

I will be back in the evangelistic work very soon. If you are in need of a revival, I will be at your service. I stand for the Church of God and her teachings and have the burden of lost souls on my heart. There will be just one in the party and I can go most anywhere. For recommendation, write state overseer of Virginia, J. L. Dorman, Box 2264, Roanoke, Va. My address is 61 Stewart Ave., Schoolfield, Va.—D. H. Robinson.

Requests

A revival is now on at the Church of God in Lenoir, N. C., with Brother W. T. Nelson in charge. There is good interest and large crowds. Pray that souls will go through.—Pearl Auten, Box 103, Lenoir, N. C.

I want every one to pray for my little niece. She is only three years old and has fits. Please pray for this child that the Lord will spare her life and that she may be something for the Lord before she leaves this world. Pray for my brothers that they may be saved before it is too late.—Mrs. Earnest Crisp, Rt. 3, Washington, N. C.

I am in bad health. My feet and legs are swollen so I can hardly walk. I want all the saints of God to pray a special prayer for me, also pray for our little church at Avera, Miss.—Mrs. S. A. Williamson, Avera, Miss.

Please pray a special prayer for me that I will get back to the Lord and receive the sweet Holy Ghost.—S. D. Boyd, Rt. 1, Kennesaw, Ga.

Pray for God to heal my body. I have trouble with my left side and I am fully trusting God. Pray for my boy to be saved.—A sister in the Church, Lola Warren, Zellwood, Fla.

Dear saints, please pray for the healing of my body. I have salvation and belong to the church. Pray that I'll be true. Also pray for my husband, children, mother, brothers, and sisters to be saved. Pray for my body as soon as you read this.—Mrs. M. M. Milam, Rt. 1, Moultrie, Ga.

My daughter, Elsie Galloway, has had a serious operation. I ask you to pray earnestly for her recovery and also her soul. Please pray for the healing of my body.—Mrs. D. A. Galloway, 2516 Wilder St., E. Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Christian people, I am a patient here in the hospital. I have T. B. and have been in bed about ten months. I believe in divine healing. I have surrendered my heart to God and I believe He will save me. I don't feel like I would like to, so pray for me. Pray that He will satisfy my soul. I am a poor boy and have no home and I surely need your prayers. Also pray for another man here, Daniel Bishop. Pray for all of us here.—Robert Crowder, Pine Breeze Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn.

I was saved on March 22, 1936, and I want to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that we may get to go to the Church of God meetings. I am so hungry for spiritual food. Pray for mother to get the Holy Ghost, and for our loved ones who are in sin.—A sister in Christ, Miss Violet Holley, Rt. 5, Lubbock, Tex.

Please pray earnestly for me. My health has been bad for some time and the death angel visited our home Dec. 4, 1935, and took my husband away. I am left with two small children and no one to help me except the Lord, but I am looking to Him. I was sanctified March 30. Pray that we can soon get a pastor to come here and hold a revival. Pray that I will hold out faithfully.—Yours in Christ, Mrs. Lena Hicks, Rt. 1, Meadville, Miss.

Please pray for me and my mother who is getting old and has been sick. She is up but not able to work, and while she was sick they discharged her from her work. I am fourteen years old. My father has gone to rest and I truly want to make heaven my home. Pray that somehow I can get me a Bible.—Callie Lee Tanner, Alma, Ga.

Please pray for my daughter who is afflicted. I do not know what the trouble is but God knows all about diseases. I believe God can heal.—Mrs. Mollie Hall, Dyer, Tenn.

Dear saints, pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost and fire and be completely healed. Pray that my loved ones will be saved.—A sister, Bessie Griffin, Higden, Ark.

I ask the saints everywhere to pray for our home. I want the Lord to be first in our home. I am heavily burdened for my children and my neighbors as they are going along unconcerned about their souls. Pray for my two boys who are backslidden to get reclaimed and help me live a Christian life before my little ones, that they may be saved. Pray for my husband to be healed. He is trusting the Lord for soul and body. Both of us belong to the Church of God. Pray for my daughter that she will receive the blessing again. Also pray for my brother-in-law who has backslidden. Pray for my mother to be healed, receive the blessing, and be added to the Church of God. Pray for me as I am afflicted in body. Pray for my neighbor who is sick to be healed and receive the blessing. My dear father is gone and we don't know where he is. If he is not dead I know prayer will find him so please help us pray that we will find him. His name is Eugene

Edward Heaton.—A sister in Christ, Drucillar Marcus, Rt. 3, Clarksville, Ga.

Please pray for my boy, Kenneth Bailey, and brother, Jas. Bailey who are waiting trial for murder in Gastonia, N. C. Pray for God to save them before it is too late.—A grieved brother, O. P. Bailey, 213 So. Trenton St., Gastonia, N. C.

Dear saints of God: I am asking prayer in behalf of my father, L. J. Alexander. Do not pass this up lightly as it is serious. He is growing weaker daily. He has a breaking out that seems to be sapping the strength from his body. He has trusted God for about twenty years for his healing. If there are any true blue Church of God folks at Vardaman, Miss., please go and pray for him. He lives on Route 3. Pray for me to be humble. We surely need some one here to preach for us as we don't have any services at all.—Mrs. W. D. Jackson, Rt. 2, Box 88, Clarksdale, Miss.

I am suffering in my body and can hardly take my food or water. I have suffered for several months with T. B. and kidney trouble. Ask God to bless me and heal my body.—Your sister, Stella Leddon, Ponce de Leon, Fla.

Pray for Miss Naomi Carick, Route 6, Lexington, N. C., who has been a sufferer with pellagra for several years, that she may be healed and her mind established in the Lord. She would appreciate old copies of the Evangel.—A friend, C. B. Wall.

Dear saints, pray for God to heal my body and help me to be an overcomer in everything. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus. Pray for my little girl to be healed so she won't have to be operated on. She has had tonsilitis and enlarged glands. Pray for all my unsaved ones.—Mrs. Ethel Godwin, Rt. 1, Box 204, Cairo, Ga.

I request that every child of God who reads this pray that the Lord will heal my wife. She is in a bad condition. Also pray for me, that the Lord will heal me. Pray for my little boy who has an afflicted ear.—Edward Basham, Box 96, Princeton, W. Va.

Will you please pray for John Cross, non compos mentis, Route 6, Lexington, N. C., that the Lord may undertake in relieving his mind of that which hinders his understanding the Lord's will for him. He attends two Sunday Schools each Sunday, and is much interested in good reading matter, so please mail him some old copies of the Evangel.—A friend, C. B. Wall.

Blessed With Revival

LANSING, Mich.—We just closed a meeting at Lansing, Mich. Church of God with Brother H. W. Poteat and wife, and Sisters Goldie Banks and Dorothy Diffenderfer from Maine doing the preaching. The Lord wonderfully blessed. One received the Holy Ghost. Every one seemed to love these good workers and we invite them back again.—Yours for Him, W. A. Walker, pastor, 323 E. Grand River Ave.

Giving God All the Praise

SUNNY SOUTH, Ala.—I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing at The Church of God at Sunny South, Ala. We want God to have all the praise for without Him we would be a complete failure.

Words can't express our appreciation of Brother J. T. Tucker, our pastor. He has proved to be a shepherd who loves the flock. He practices what he preaches, has stood by the church through thick and thin and his testimony is to work and pray more in the future than he has in the past. Pray that God will continue to bless Brother Tucker and his work.

We have just closed a fifteen-day singing school which was taught by Brother C. T. Dunn and his wife. A great work was done that will never be forgotten. I feel like it will be a great help to the church. I learned to love them very much. They have promised, if the Lord was willing, to come back and help us practice some songs before the camp meeting.

All pray for the camp meeting that lost souls will pray through to victory. We invite one and all to come and join us. We look forward and hope to have a great feast in the Lord.—A sister in Christ, Sister Lela Morgan.

Much To Praise God For

STEP ROCK, Ark.—I am praising God for His Son Jesus Christ, for the plan of salvation and the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His goodness and loving kindness. He is so good to me. I praise Him for our church here and our good pastor, Brother H. L. Berry. He laid down everything but God and built a church house. Of course, he had some help, but if Brother Berry hadn't taken the load, it would not have been done yet. I praise God for it all. We had our state overseer with us the night of March 26. He is a God-filled, Holy Ghost man and brought forth a wonderful message on "What think ye of Christ?" It was surely wonderful. We hope Brother McCullar can be with us more often.—J. S. Watson, clerk.

Report of Knoxville, Tenn., District Convention

The Knoxville district convention convened at Lenoir City, April 3-5 with Brother Houston Morehead, district overseer, in charge. The pastor at Lenoir City, Brother Richards, was physically unable to attend.

Services opened Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock with good singing and prayer, Brother Martin leading the singing and Sister Morehead at the piano. The power fell and an altar call was given. One was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Services opened Saturday evening at the same time, with prayer, then singing. After a good praise service led by Brother Myers, pastor at Solway, a splendid message was brought by Brother Cross, our state overseer, on "The True Christian Spirit." An altar call was given and another one received the Holy Ghost.

Sunday morning services started at 9:30 a. m. The Sunday School lesson was read by Brother Cloves, then a sermon by Brother Fritz on "Stewardship," also a sermon by Brother Briggs on "Mission Spirit" were enjoyed. The afternoon meeting started with a good song service and prayer. The power fell. A mission offering amounting to \$20.00 was taken. Next came the reports of pastors, then the farewell by Brother Morehead.—Yours in His service, W. R. Rawls, clerk, 132 Hinton St., Knoxville, Tenn.

No one can believe with his heart when he is doubting with his head, hence the necessity of being fully persuaded in our own minds so we can believe for ourselves so as to drive away doubts.

REQUESTS

I have started a revival at Addyston, Ohio, and the Lord is blessing. Pray that God will give us a good revival here.—Preston Lewis, Trenton, Ohio.

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Please pray earnestly that the Lord will send some good Holy-Ghost-filled preacher to Des Moines, Iowa. Pray that He will baptize my mother with the precious Holy Ghost.—Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin.

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Dear saints: Please take courage, for the Lord has been wonderfully answering your prayers and blessing us in spirit, so many of His dear ones have been praying for us. Please pray much at this time that He may cleanse and fill us with the Holy Ghost, and give us every other good gift needed to aid us in service to the glory of His name. Pray specially that He may heal my body, which is in a very serious condition, and spare me to train my motherless little boys for His glory. As we have to walk about eight miles each Sunday to reach our Sunday School classes, and being so weak physically, we find it a heavy burden, so feeling led we are asking the saints everywhere to pray that God may open the way for us to get an old Model T Ford sedan car for this work, and that we may also be able to reach other places. Pray that He may supply our financial needs which are very pressing at this time, enabling us to meet our obligations to the glory of His name.—C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

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NOTICES

To the churches on the Alma district: This is to notify you that our district convention will convene at Alma, Ga., April 24-26. All ministers and churches are requested to be here. Be sure and try to have a complete report on missions, aged ministers' and camp ground funds. J. P. Hughes, state overseer, will be in charge. —H. L. Sorrow, district pastor, Alma, Ga.

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The Church of God at Shamrock, would like to hear from Mrs. Dellie Clemet, Elbert Isaacs, and Charlie Marquis. If not heard from by July 1, their names will be excluded from the church roll. When you write, please send your quota for missions and aged ministers' fund.—J. M. Morgan, pastor, Box 534, Shamrock, Tex.

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Dear saints: My love is deep for lost souls. If there is any real hard place that needs the Word of God and the Word only, and wants me, I will come if you will let me know, and if you want a revival. Pray that God will send the Word. Love to all who read the Church of God Evangel.—Your brother, Dewitt Burns, Route 1, Box 130, Poplar Grove, Ark.

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There will be a home coming at the new church, six miles northeast of Bremen, Ga., near 7th Court Ground, also baptizing, the first Sunday in May. You have a special invitation to come and bring a well-filled basket and enjoy a good dinner, but most of all we invite the good Holy Ghost to have control throughout the day. Pray for us that day. —Rone Norton, pastor.

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To whom it may concern: We are giving you Brother L. G. Rouse's address as we have had several requests for it: 5647 Stanton St., Detroit, Michigan.

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There will be all-day services at Straight Creek church, Fyffe, Ala., April 26. Welcome one and all. Come and enjoy the presence of the Lord. We especially invite the neighboring churches. Bring a well-filled basket and enjoy the day with us.—W. H. Preston, pastor.

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The Church of God at Seaford, Del., would like to know the spiritual condition of the following: Mrs. Fannie Hill, Will Boer, Mrs. James Moore, Pauline Moore. If not heard from, they will be disfellowshipped next conference.—Mrs. Roy Burris, clerk, 200 Market St., Seaford, Del.

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To whom it may concern: My address

is 1826 Hicks St., Augusta, Ga., c/o Y. E. McNear.—J. B. Merritt.

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The Jackson district convention for the Church of God will convene at Richmond Dale, Ohio, April 24-26, inclusive. The first service will start on Friday evening 7:30 p. m. We'll be glad to have visitors come over and enjoy the presence of the Lord for we are expecting a great time in the Lord. Brother E. Haynes, state overseer, will be in charge, with the good Holy Ghost directing.—H. L. Dillinger, district overseer, Jackson, Ohio.

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The Selman City dist. convention will convene at Selman City, Tex., May 1-3. All preachers, deacons, friends, and laity are invited to come and enjoy the good things we are expecting to receive from the Lord on these three days. We will be disappointed if the pastors and all the rest that want to come are not here from the following churches: Weatherford, Ladonia, Fort Worth, Lannius, Patus, Blossom and Flat. Be sure to come and enjoy the preaching, singing, fellowship, and the power and presence of the Lord. Our highly esteemed state overseer, T. S. Payne, is in charge.—O. L. Crow, pastor, Selman City, Rt. 1, Box 35, Overton, Texas.

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WANTED: Large tent, preferred 60 x 80 or 50x70. Give lowest price for cash in first letter.—Helen L. Morrow, Box 140, Warren, Ohio.

A Warning to One and All

We have just closed a nine nights' meeting at Thorn, Miss., Church of God, near Houston, Miss., with the following results as testified to by the converts: three saved, one sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We were hindered very much on account of the people hav-

ing the flu, also the rainy weather.

I had one of the saddest experiences there I have had since being in the ministry. A fine young man was at the service Saturday night and Sunday morning. I exhorted the young people very much to come to the altar and seek the Lord, fearing at the time that some one was receiving his last call. This young man failed to accept, as well as others, and left the church for home Sunday at noon. After eating his dinner, he told his relatives to call him at two o'clock. He was stricken with a deadly disease and was lying a corpse before daylight Monday morning, leaving his parents broken-hearted. Dear people, please let this be a warning to you. Accept when the Spirit calls you.—Your brother, E. B. Culpepper, 1933 Ellis St., Augusta, Ga.

Cannot Tell All Good Work That Was Done

GRAYSVILLE, Tenn.—We started a revival here at Graysville, Tenn., about the first of March, conducted by Brother Buford Alford, wife, and Sister Orville Baney from Dyersburg, Tenn. All were glad to have them with us. We praise the Lord for the great work they have done. Brother Alford surely did preach the Word of God which was food to our hungry souls. There were about twenty-one experiences. It seemed like the church was so discouraged, but now they are all encouraged to fight the battle for Jesus. Brother Alford hasn't been in the Church of God long, but he is happy in it. Any one desiring a revival would surely be blessed in getting him. Pray for Graysville, that we will do the Lord's will.—Your sister in Christ, Angeline Harvey, clerk.

God is Helping Us Carry On

CANDLER, N. C.—Dear readers: We are truly praising God for the way He is blessing the church here. Brother A. J. Swift, our pastor, is a real man of God and we thank God for him. He stands foursquare for the Church of God and its teachings. All seem to love and appreciate his work.

God is wonderfully blessing the church here. Our Sunday School has grown from forty-five and fifty to eighty and eighty-five in the last few weeks. The Y. P. E. which has from seventy-five to eighty members is one of the best in the state. Our church is only three years old but we have a piano, parsonage, etc., and owe very little on them. God is helping us carry on His work. We have a good string band. We truly thank God for what He means to us and we know He is surely coming soon.—Ruth Hollifield, clerk.

Death Notices

BURNETTE

In loving remembrance of James Stanley Burnette, who departed this life Jan. 2, 1936, age seventeen years, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Burnette. Brother Burnette is a deceased minister of the Church of God, who departed this life May 24, 1932:

Darling Stanley, thou hath left us,
You, the one we cherished so;
But we know that God did call you,
And to heaven thou didst go.

Though your memory still doth linger
In our home you loved so well,
Still we know you're safe with Jesus,
In a home more fair to dwell.

How you bore your pain and suffering
With such patience sweet and low;
This should always be a warning
To the ones who yet must go.

Oh, we miss you! Yes, we miss you,
Miss your bright and smiling face,
And we know there is none other
That can ever fill your place.

Now the dark clouds hover round us,
And our hearts made sad and sore,
Though we know the sun is shining
Over on the other shore.

You did tell us all your wishes
That you most desired us do,
And we'll try to keep each promise,
As we made them o'er to you.

Now you've gone and left us weeping
In our sad and mournful way,
But we'll strive and pray to Jesus
That we'll meet you some sweet day.

His lonely mother.—Mrs. W. M. Burnette, 509 Church St., Belmont, N. C.

WEEKS

Brother Clarence Weeks was born Dec. 24, 1896 and died April 5, 1936. Funeral services were conducted by Brother F. C. Warman, pastor. Interment was made in the Crakerville cemetery.—A sister in Christ, Beulah Sims, Edgewood, Tex.

WILLIAMS

Neasie Williams, wife of S. S. Williams of Sherbourne, La., died March 12, 1936, age thirty-nine years, two months, and eight days. The funeral was conducted by J. B. Cole and interment made in the cemetery at Walker, La.

TALLEY

Joel Edward Talley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Talley of Bush, La., died

March 27, 1936, age one year, eight months, and twenty-three days. The funeral was conducted by J. B. Cole and interment made in Sharp's cemetery.

WRIGHT

Sister Lillian Bernice Wright, the only daughter of Brother and Sister A. A. Wright, was born May 4, 1919 and died March 19, 1936, at the age of sixteen years, ten months, and fifteen days. Her funeral was conducted by G. C. Dunn, state overseer, and the writer, at the Church of God in Alabama City.—A. L. Burroughs, pastor.

ELLER

Little Joan Eller, four-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister Clifford Eller, who have charge and reside at the Boys' Orphanage Home and Farm, died Feb. 11, 1936, at the home. Funeral services were conducted and interment made at Shooting Creek, N. C. Brother C. P. Galloway and the writer were in charge.—Glover P. Ledford.

MARR

Sister Laura Ann Marr departed this life March 24, 1936 at the age of fifty-four years. Interment was made in the Hickory Flat cemetery. Funeral was conducted by her pastor, J. F. Brown, and Rone Norton, Carrollton, Ga.—J. F. Brown.

WILKINS

Sister Carrie Wilkins, wife of Henry Wilkins, was born Feb. 11, 1887 and died March 17, 1936. The funeral was conducted at Wimauma, Fla., by her pastor, Brother V. D. Combs and interment made in the Fellowship cemetery.—Mrs. S. T. Wadsworth, Wimauma, Fla.

FRANKLIN

Sister Hibie Franklin, age forty-eight years, wife of Brother Tom Franklin, was called to her heavenly home March 28, 1936. Funeral was conducted by her pastor, Earl Brewer, and interment made in the Edge Mount cemetery.—One who loved her, Mrs. Wallace Wilson, Route 3, Anniston, Ala.

SIMMONS

Sister Etta Simmons, wife of Brother J. T. Simmons, was born Dec. 3, 1866 and died March 20, 1936. Funeral was conducted at Wimauma by her pastor, Brother V. D. Combs, and interment made in Fellowship cemetery.—Mrs. S. T. Wadsworth.

HINSON

Brother D. H. Hinson, age fifty-four years, died at his home here, March 21, 1936. He was a true blue, loyal member of the Church of God for seven years.

He trusted God completely for both soul and body. He certainly lived a true Christian life and was true to God, his church and his pastor. The local church will miss this faithful brother, but we know he is at rest with his Maker.—Mrs. T. F. Blackwell, West Gastonia, N. C.

SLOBTS

On July 1, 1935, the death angel came and claimed our grandson, Wainn Slobts, to be with Jesus. The funeral was conducted by our pastor, H. L. Berry and his body laid to rest in the Olive Branch cemetery.—One who loved him, his grandfather, J. S. Watson.

Church Growing Rapidly

GREENWOOD, S. C.—I thank the Lord for the wonderful revival recently held here at Greenwood. Forty-three were saved, twenty-four sanctified, thirty filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-three added to the church. We now have one hundred members, forty-five being added since the Assembly. God is blessing here in a wonderful way. Ten Methodist people, including the superintendent of their Sunday School, came in, all of them were saved and sanctified and nearly all have the Holy Ghost. Some Baptists who had the blessing came in also, and one Wesleyan Methodist woman who had been one of our opposers.

The Holy Ghost took charge Sunday morning and ten were added to the church. We are now tearing out the back of our church and making it nine feet longer and nineteen feet wider, with a twelve foot tower.

This meeting was conducted by Sisters Myrtle Whitehead and Pauline Jackson. They are fine evangelists. Pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, C. E. McAbee, 308 Parker St.

Satisfied in the Church of God

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—I thank God because I am a child of the King. I am rooted and grounded in The Church of God and her doctrine. I am a new preacher in the Church and I am in all over. I belonged to one church but I wasn't satisfied. I thank God I am satisfied this morning. I feel like traveling on.

I held my first revival for the church at Draper, N. C. We surely had a wonderful meeting. Thirteen were saved, two sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. The devil got mad but I thank God for His power. Some nights we didn't get to preach.

I thank the Lord for the pastor at Draper, Brother R. H. Walker. He surely is a good pastor and has brought the church to the front there.—Your brother in Christ, Campbell C. Holmes.

EDITORIALS

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cerning the ancient governments, and their sinful practices, we are brought face to face today with one of the most disastrous conditions now confronting the political world. The catastrophe and trend of the last few days in Europe have caused the statesmen of the world to become most dizzy and frightened. No matter what happens over seas, students of Bible prophecy may be certain that every change will contribute to the bringing in of the Antichrist and his plans. It seems that all the working power of the enemy has taken possession of the greedy dictators, kings, and advisors of Europe. It is truly a fulfillment of prophecy, and I can see nothing more than the last happenings just before the rapture, then the man of sin will be revealed, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called good, and truly the falling away among the Christian denominations and the setting aside of the real blessings of God has already taken place.



THE RECENT CHANGES IN EUROPE

During recent years several major changes have taken place in Europe. For instance, Germany formerly owned a rich piece of mining territory on the French side of the Rhine, called Alsace-Lorraine. It had been annexed during the Persian war. As a result of the World War Alsace-Lorraine came back to France, thus replacing the old Roman boundary in this particular direction.

The eyes of the world have been focused for weeks upon another narrow strip of land. This time on the German side of the Rhine. The territory was declared "demilitarized" by the allies after the war. A provision to this effect was written into Articles 42 and 43 of the Versailles treaty. It was later reaffirmed in the Locarno pact. This meant that German frontiers, facing France, could not be protected; that Germany would be helpless in case of an attack from the west; that 14,700,000 German citizens were forced to remain unarmed.

Meanwhile, across the river, the most powerful fortifications in the world were built for a distance of one hundred twenty-five miles, by the French government, at an estimated cost of \$150,000,000. It has required five years to build these fortresses, consisting of seven stories underground. They actually remind one of a seven-story building many miles in length, built in the bowels of the earth along the German border. Every conceivable instrument of warfare is to be found

there, ready for instant use, stored in bomb-proof vaults.

Early last month Chancellor Hitler suddenly ordered German troops to enter this demilitarized zone. This act caused the world to gasp. For three days, a French attack was expected momentarily. The average person reading these reports sees in them only the conflict between certain powers in Europe, but prophecy observers see in the same event a long step toward the revival of the Roman empire.

The Rhine was the ancient boundary line. France was in old Rome; Germany was not.

The students of prophecy see in this the final gathering and establishment of the Antichrist armies. This will be the mightiest army that ever marched upon the earth, moving across the world's greatest battlefield. Demon-crazed soldiers will be saturated with the venom of hatred and inspired by the prince of darkness. They will have in their minds to dethrone God and annihilate His people. In battle array this mighty sea of humanity will sweep down through the great plain of Esdraelon toward Jerusalem. Tens of thousands of aeroplanes will speed thru the air with a raucous roaring, pouring out death on the cities below. Explosions of this mighty terror will demolish skyscrapers and level all buildings to the ground. Powerful gases will cause the flesh of men to drop off their bones and the air will be filled with the shrieks of dying women and children.

Powerful death beams are now playing upon the foes of this world. Great inventors of war implements are at work inventing and preparing these deadly weapons and the world can hardly realize what it is all about, but it will culminate in the last three years and a half of the tribulation week when all nations will be gathered at Jerusalem for battle and the sealing of the 144,000 Jews in Rev. 7:4-8. This will be the most awful time the world has ever seen or heard of and as the beast pours out his fury and becomes so enraged because he cannot destroy the two prophets and 144,000, then somehow God backs off just a little and lets him destroy the two prophets and they celebrate this victory by sending presents one to another. Just as he feels that he has accomplished the final destruction of all Christendom, heaven opens and Jesus comes down on the clouds of heaven, Rev. 19:11-15; Zech. 14:1-5. This is a description of the descending of Jesus and placing His foot on the Mount of Olives making the valley of Jehosaphat two hundred miles and the remains of all the nations will be gathered there to judgment. This judgment is described in Matt. 25:31-45.

THE ORPHANAGE

We appreciate the co-operation of one and all in making the financial report of last quarter as good as it was, but remember we have increased the number of children in the homes. We now have forty-nine girls and thirty-seven boys. I am sure you will continue to help care for these children. May God put it on your hearts to do your best for this phase of His work.

We are glad to report a number of boys and girls blessed during the revival at the close of Bible School. Two received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, while others were saved and sanctified.

There seems to be a splendid spirit prevailing among the matrons and children. We appreciate the faithful service being rendered by Brother Eller, the manager of the Boys' Home, also the service of each matron there and in the Girls' Homes.

If we had sufficient equipment, we have worthy applicants enough to raise our total number of children to one hundred. Pray that God will provide the means to care for these children.—R. R. Walker, chairman, Orphanage Committee.

STATE CONVENTIONS

Arkansas State Convention
Burdette, Ark., April 24-26
J. A. McCULLAR, Overseer

Bahama Islands Convention
Nassau, N. P., Bah., May 5-10
WILLIAM R. FRANKS, Overseer

Georgia State Convention
May 7-10

Georgia Camp Meeting
Macon, Ga., July 9-19
J. P. HUGHES, Overseer

Alabama State Convention
Pratt City, Ala., May 8-10
G. C. DUNN, Overseer

North Carolina State Convention
Charlotte, N. C., May 13-17
JOHN L. STEPHENS, Overseer

Illinois State Convention
Benton, Ill., May 20-24
J. L. GOINS, Overseer

Tennessee State Convention
Cleveland, Tenn., June 19-21
M. P. CROSS, Overseer

Northwest Camp Meeting and Convention
Minot, N. Dak., June 27-July 5
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer

Prophecy, Tongues, Knowledge Appointed for the Good of the Church

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prayer, but my understanding is unfruitful," 1 Cor. 14:14. If he had been using his education, he would have, of course, understood what he was saying. These experiences are as real as regeneration, or any other experience taught in the Bible, and if we are not enjoying them, we are living beneath our privilege. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever." Heb. 13:8.

CONCLUSION

I think the scriptures will bear us out, that Jesus, nearly two thousand years ago, set up a system of religion for the church age, and never did He utter a vain word. He never said a thing or did a thing, just to kill time, fill up space, or make up the Bible. But, He suffered for us leaving us an example, that we should follow in his footsteps, who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.

And too, at the close of His (Jesus') ministry on earth, among the last words that He uttered after being with, and teaching His disciples for approximately three years, He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

And now as they come in touch with all nations, or all people scattered here and there, what are they commanded to teach? Let Jesus answer in the very next verse. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded YOU: and, lo, I am with you always, EVEN unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19, 20.

We can very easily see what kind of doctrine Jesus wanted taught, and put in practice. That kind that He had taught them, that same kind, in like manner, He wanted all nations to be taught and receive.

Then when the one hundred and twenty received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost (and I want you to notice they were all FILLED WITH the Holy Ghost, and not filled IN the Holy Ghost as some are trying to teach. This would not carry the thought), Peter preaches on the subject and tells his hearers that "The promise (that is, the filling with the Holy Ghost) is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:38, 39. It appears to me that the Bible could not have made it any plainer than it is made in this passage of scripture.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday (meaning the past age) today (this age)

and forever. The Apostle Peter says, under inspiration, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and WORKETH righteousness, is accepted with him." Nowhere do we find a change in the plan of salvation experienced and practiced by the early church. Give me chapter and verse, please.

I very readily admit that we are behind in our experience with God. A terrible epidemic of unbelief has swept the country, which hindered even Jesus in His ministry, but there have over two million, since 1900, received the Holy Ghost baptism and spoke with tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance, according to Acts 2:4.

I read an article just recently where the writer said, "No one was baptized with (or IN) the Holy Ghost after Pentecost, except at Cornelius' house." Well, I do find where Paul laid his hands on twelve brethren in Acts 19:6 and the Holy Ghost came on them and they spake with tongues and prophesied. And I read in Acts 13:9, "Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost." And speaking of Barnabas, he said, "For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith." The Holy Ghost is the Comforter promised those who obey Him, so if men and women have not received Him, there is a lack of obedience somewhere. Others have received Him and the promise is unto you.

Great Convention For Bahamas

The saints assembled in a new church building at Arthurs Town, Cat Island, Feb. 14 for the third annual district convention, Brother Geo. H. Moss, district overseer, presiding. We looked for Brother Franks, the state overseer, but as he was sick, the Lord sent Brother Wm. T. Auten, the white missionary, who acted in the place of the state overseer. Every one of the saints, also the visiting friends, appreciate Brother Auten. The convention was well attended. Every church was well represented, almost every member on the district was present. The order was very good, the singing very inspiring, the prayers were effectual and fervent, the entertainment good. The welcome address, the soul-stirring responses and scripture readings were also inspiring.

Short talks were given by all the women workers. An inspiring, soul-stirring address was given by Brother Auten on "The Sign of the Coming Christ." A wonderful sermon by Sister Alice Fife on "We Would See Jesus" was enjoyed. The waves of glory and manifestation of God's power was wonderful. Appropriate instruction on "Loyalty" by Brother Au-

ten, acting overseer, was given. The good sermon on "Charity" by E. Williams followed. Then came a message on "Tithing" by the writer.

The mission committee met and transacted business in meekness, and mission interest was renewed. All business was attended to without friction. The sweet fellowship and Christian love that prevailed was wonderful. The churches were called and the reports were encouraging. After this Brother Auten commended the workers and spoke encouragingly to everyone.

A wonderful, inspiring and sacred concert was rendered by the Y. P. E. on Sunday night. Brother Auten brought a most wonderful message on "Be filled with the Spirit."

I ask all the dear readers to pray for us out on these islands, that we may be faithful until Jesus comes.—Your brother, Alex Burrows, clerk.

The Lord Does all Things Well

QUITMAN, Tex.—Dear saints: I have found the Lord again. I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in 1917 but like many others, failed to keep in God's will as I should have.

I am asking for prayer that I may go all the way with Jesus. I am so thankful to the Lord for what He has done for me. I had the toothache nearly a year. I asked the Lord to heal it and I am well. The Lord does all things well. Pray for my husband as he is sick lots. Also pray for my mother. She has trouble with her throat as the mumps settled in her throat. She also has a growth on her head that is bothering her.—Mrs. Ada Patterson, Rt. 3.

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